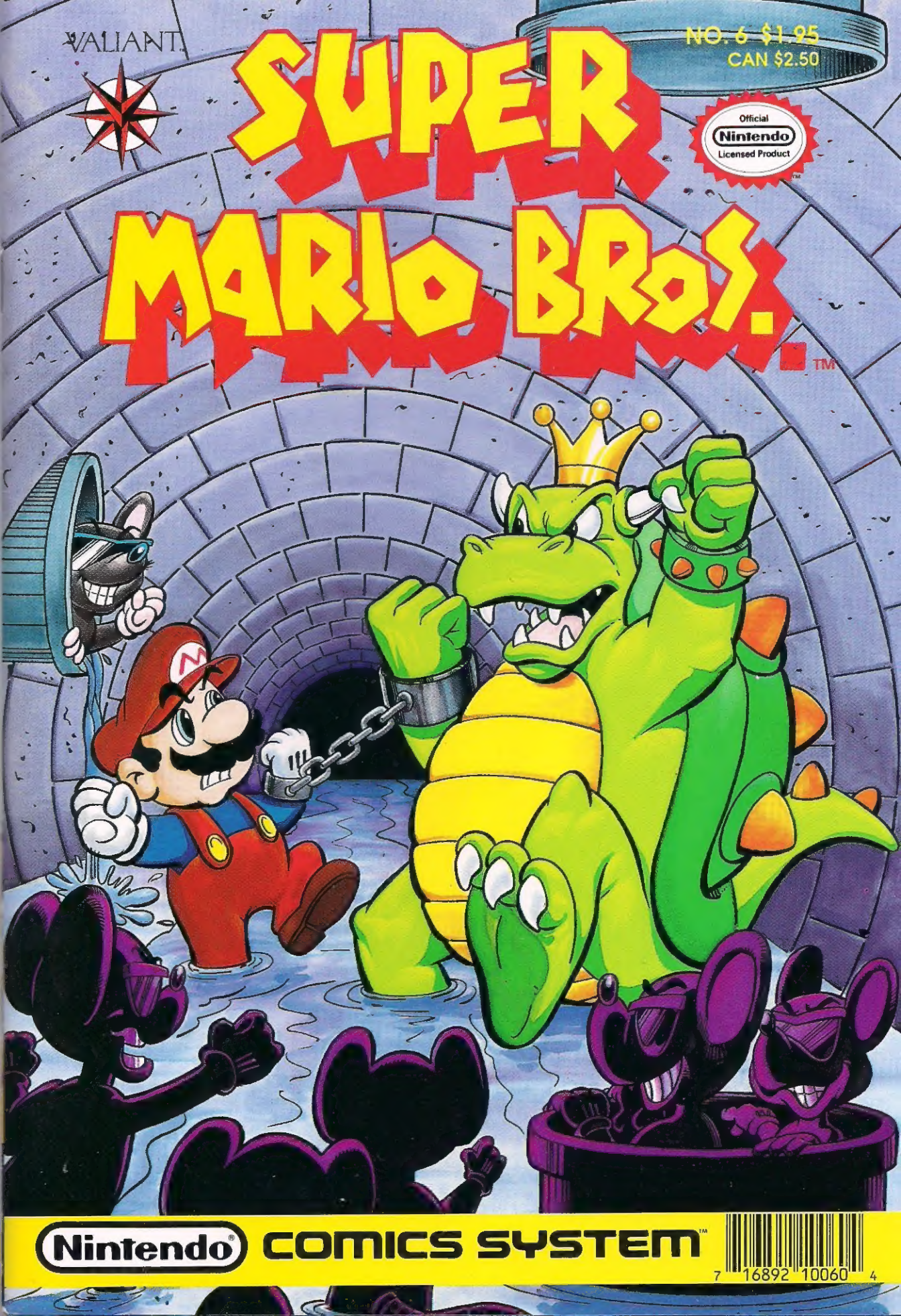
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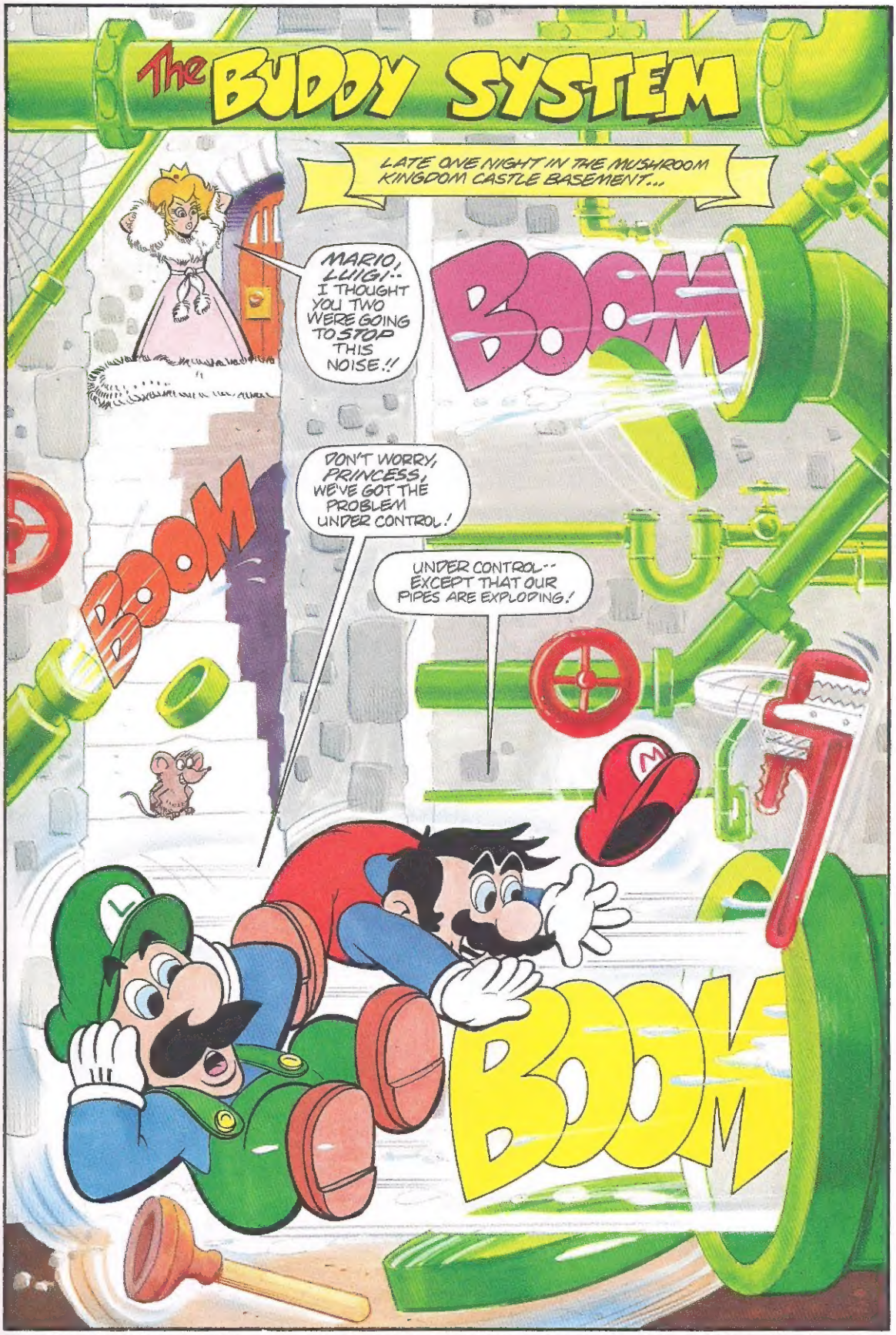
The BUDDY SYSTEM
LATE ONE NIGHT IN THE MUSHROOM KINGDOM CASTLE BASEMENT...
MARIO, LUIGI!-- I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE GOING TO STOP THIS NOISE!!
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DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS, WE'VE GOT THE PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL!
UNDER CONTROL-- EXCEPT THAT OUR PIPES ARE EXPLODING!
BOOM
BOOM

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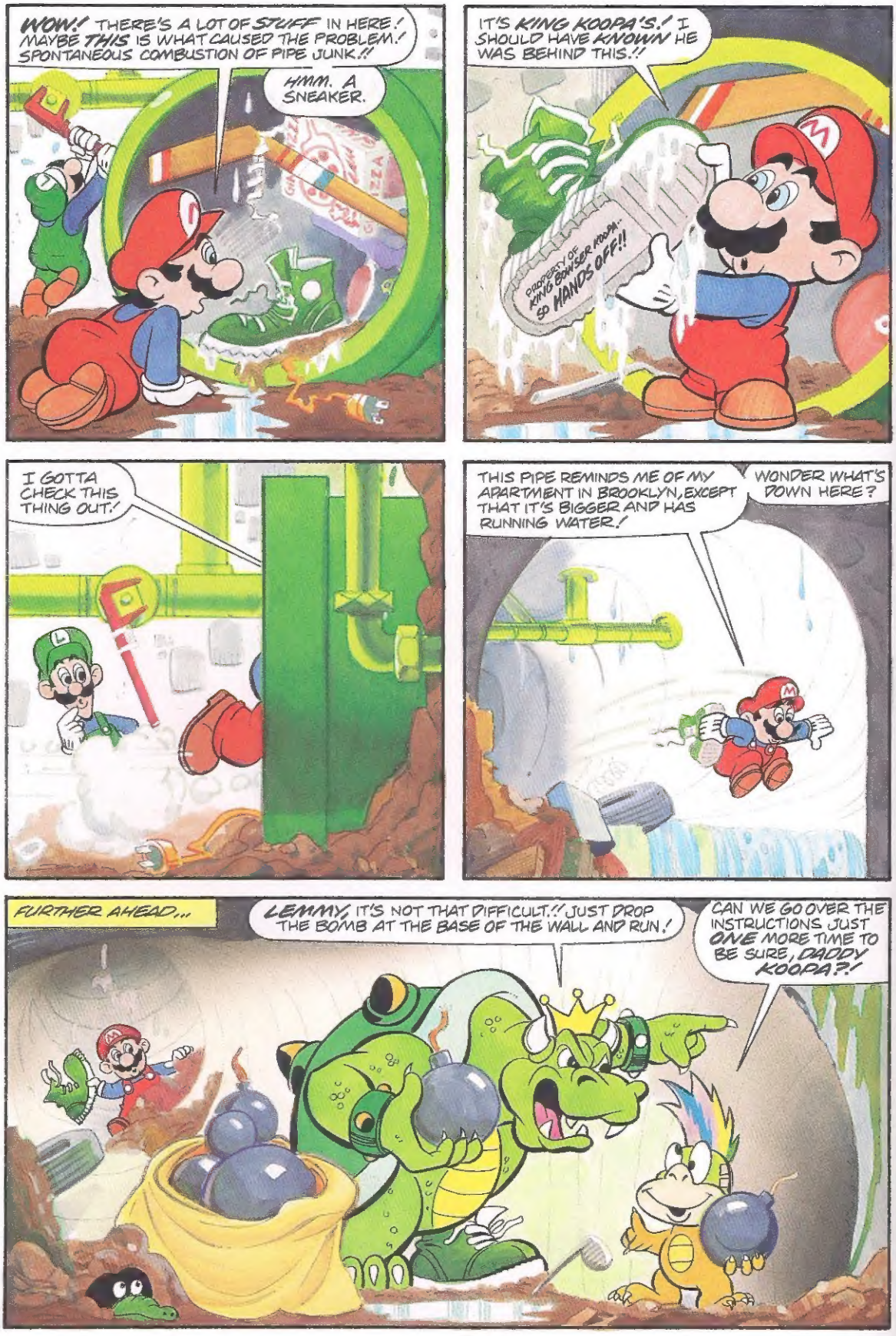
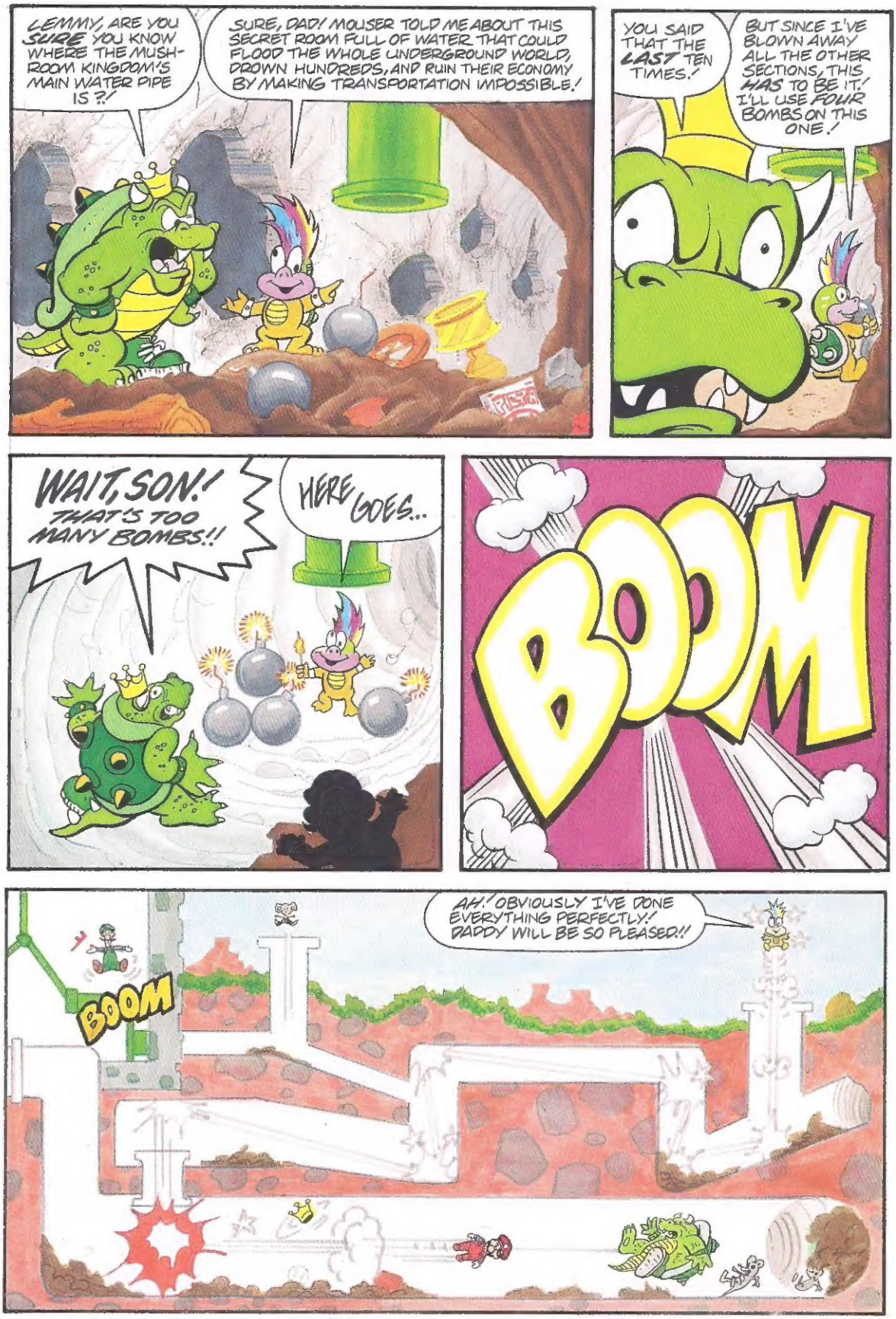
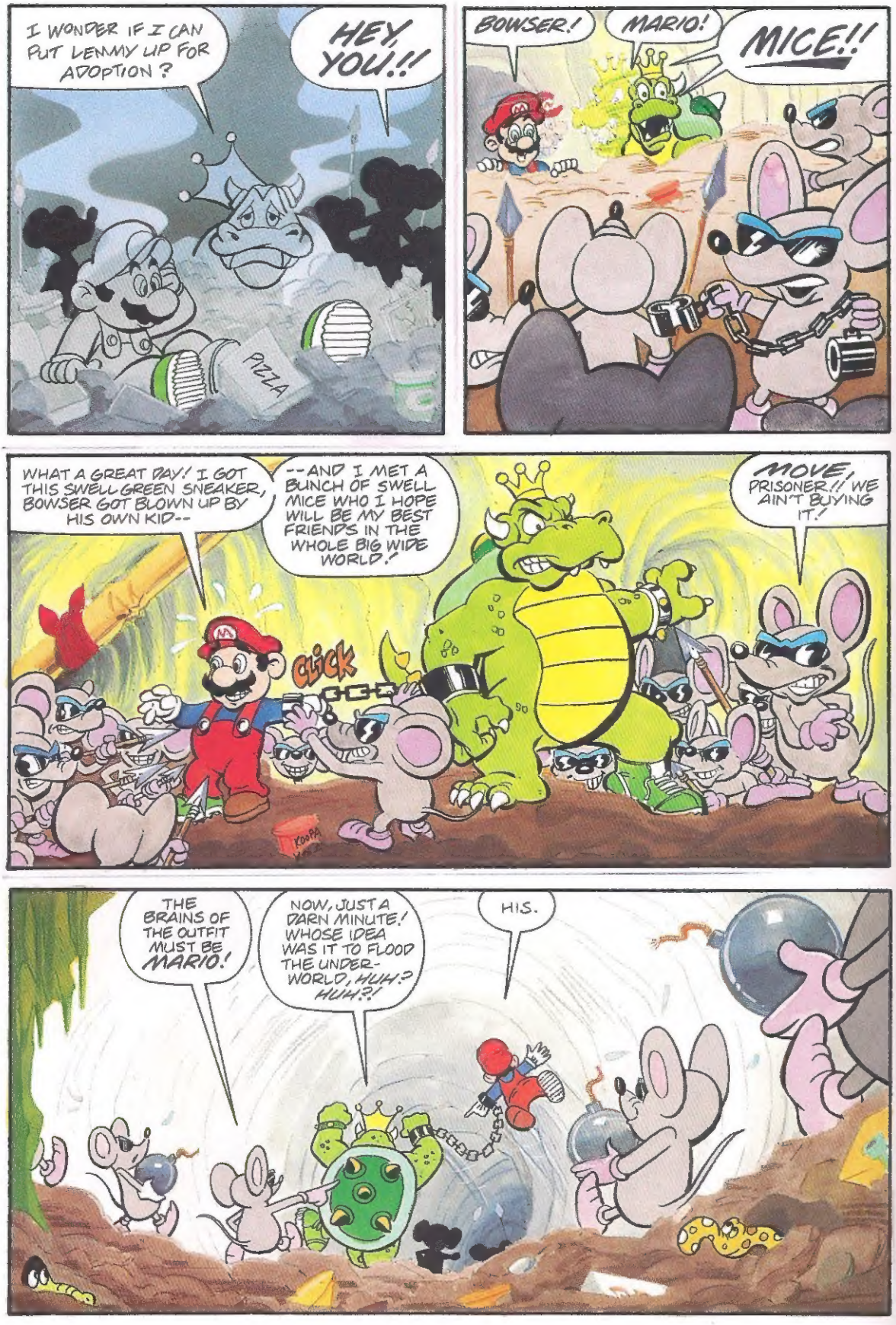
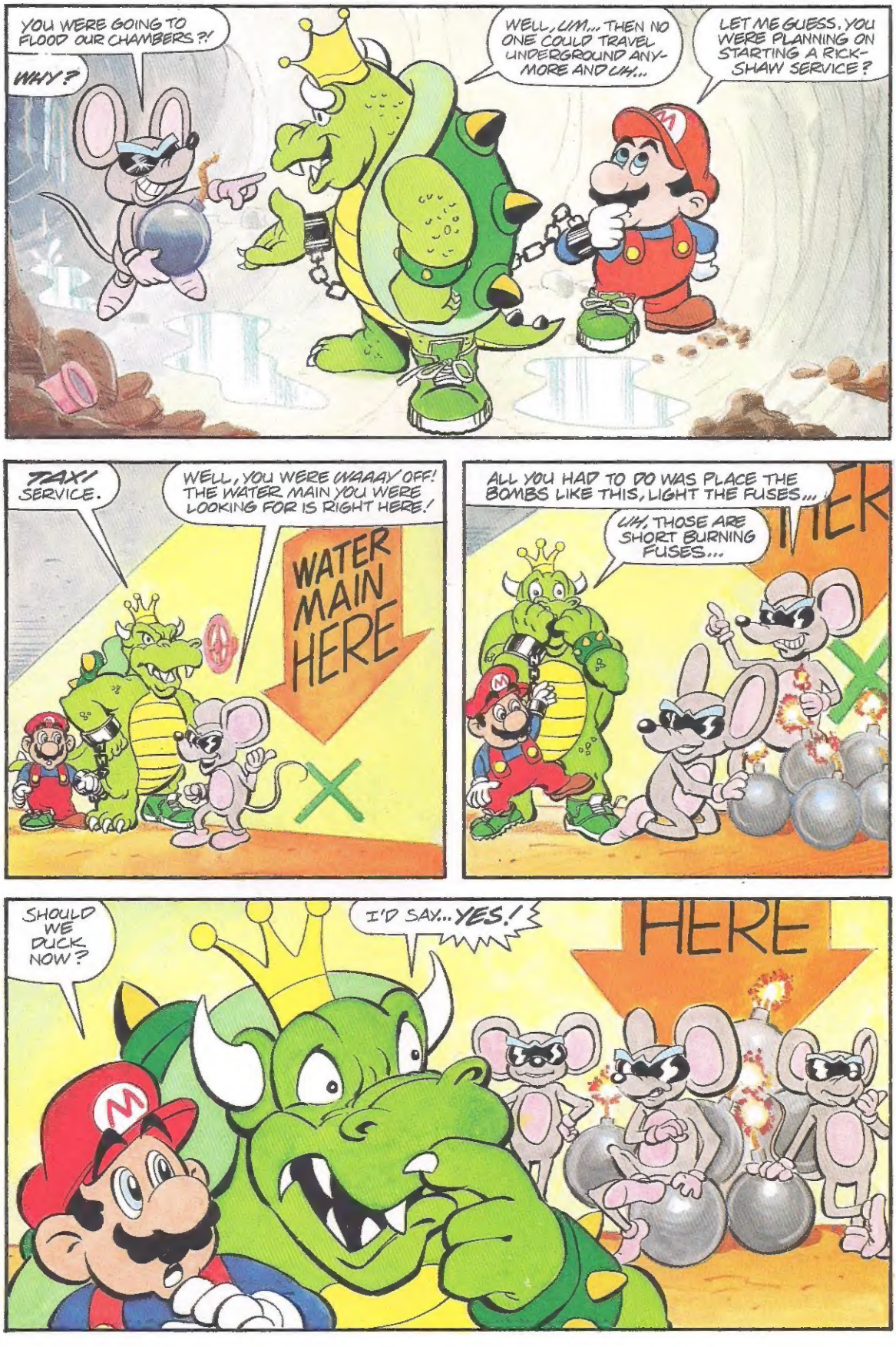
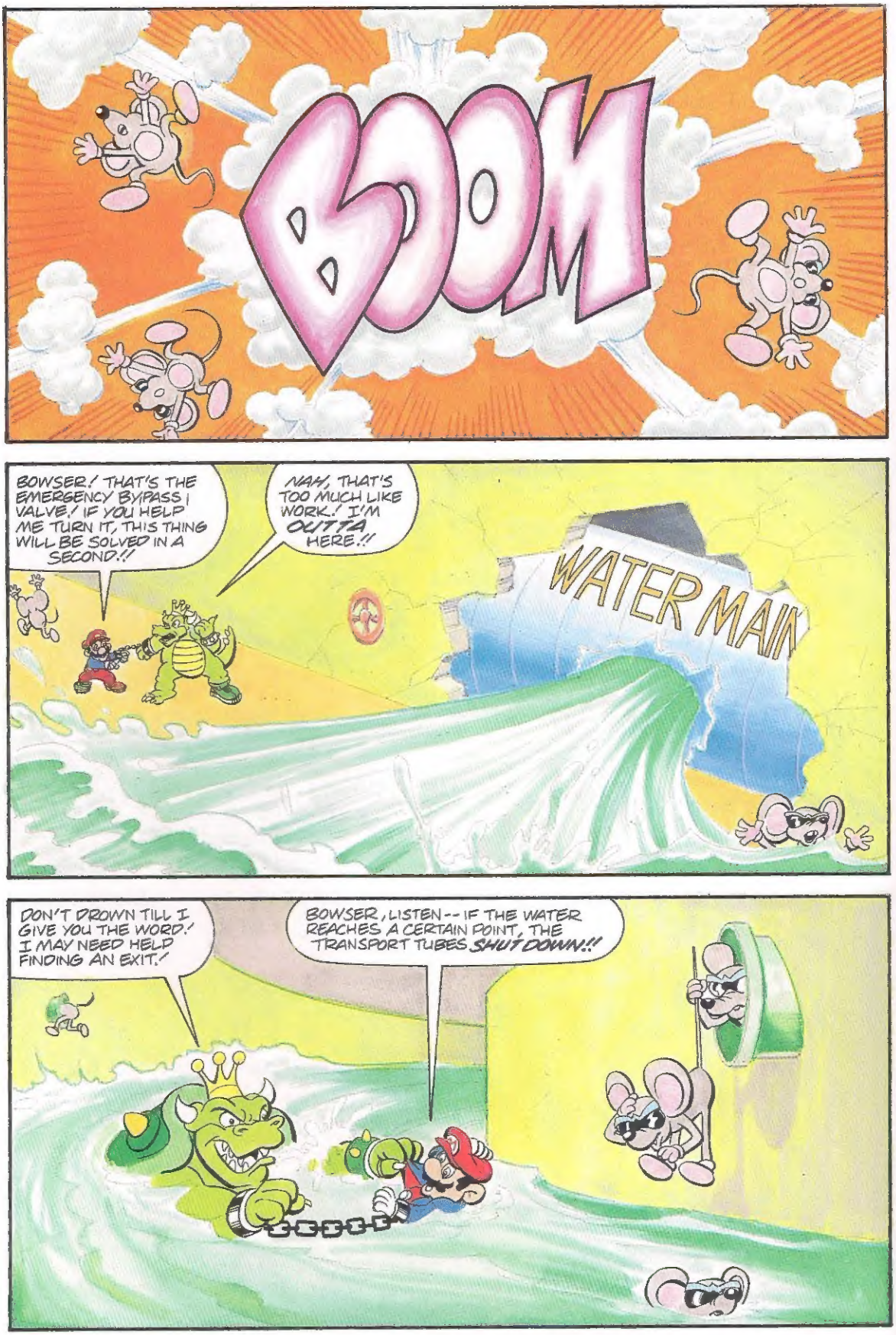

WOW! THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF IN HERE! MAYBE THIS IS WHAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM! SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION OF PIPE JUNK!!
HMM. A SNEAKER.
IT'S KING KOOPA'S! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE WAS BEHIND THIS!!
PROPERTY OF KING BOWSER KOOPA.. SO HANDS OFF!!
I GOTTA CHECK THIS THING OUT!
THIS PIPE REMINDS ME OF MY APARTMENT IN BROOKLYN, EXCEPT THAT IT'S BIGGER AND HAS RUNNING WATER!
WONDER WHAT'S DOWN HERE?
FURTHER AHEAD...
LEMMY, IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT!! JUST DROP THE BOMB AT THE BASE OF THE WALL AND RUN!
CAN WE GO OVER THE INSTRUCTIONS JUST ONE MORE TIME TO BE SURE, DADDY KOOPA?!

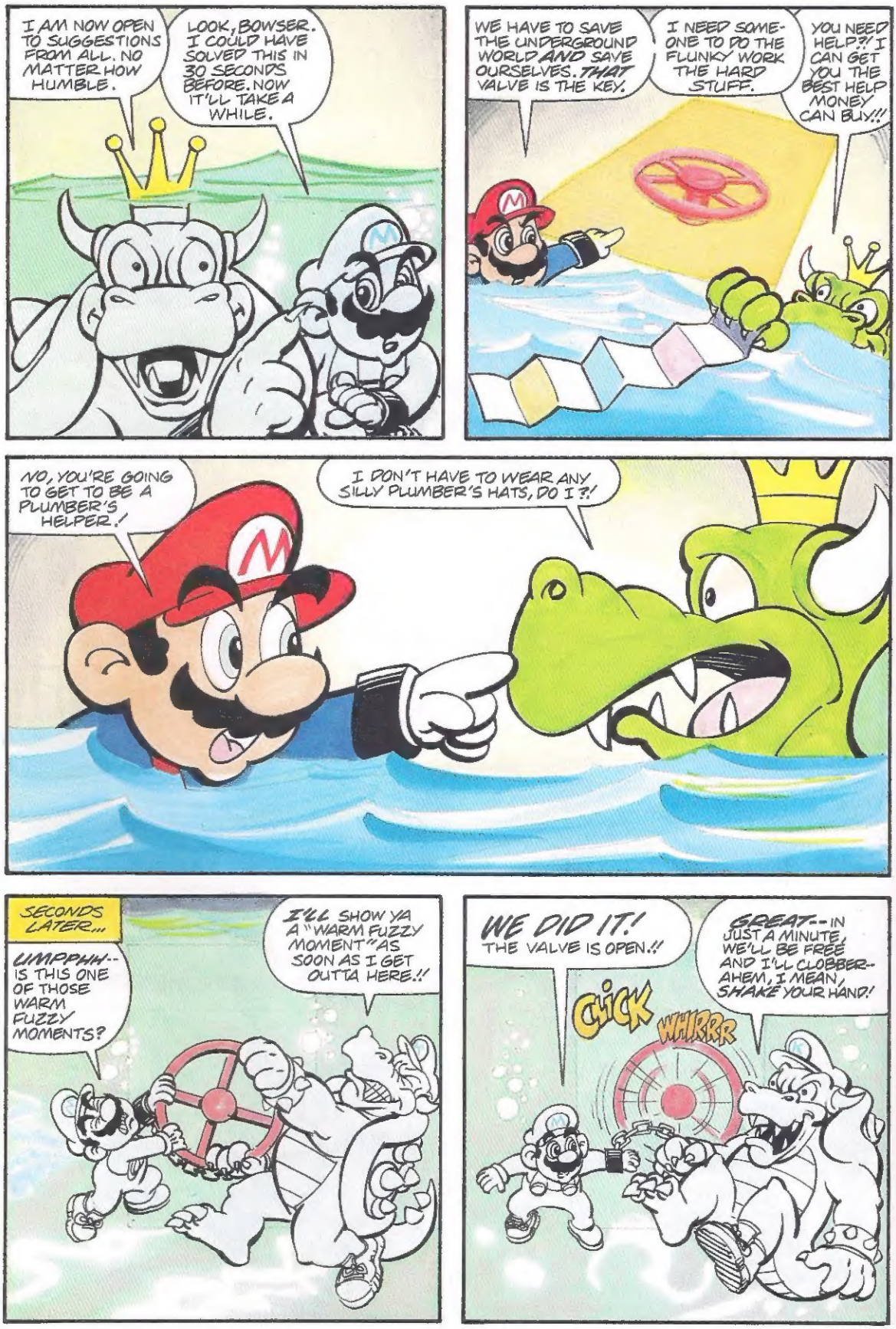

LEMMY, ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE THE MUSHROOM KINGDOM'S MAIN WATER PIPE IS?!
SURE, DAD! MOUSER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS SECRET ROOM FULL OF WATER THAT COULD FLOOD THE WHOLE UNDERGROUND WORLD, DROWN HUNDREDS, AND RUIN THEIR ECONOMY BY MAKING TRANSPORTATION IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU SAID THAT THE LAST TEN TIMES.
BUT SINCE I'VE BLOWN AWAY ALL THE OTHER SECTIONS, THIS HAS TO BE IT! I'LL USE FOUR BOMBS ON THIS ONE!
WAIT, SON! THAT'S TOO MANY BOMBS!!
HERE GOES..
BOOM
BOOM
AH! OBVIOUSLY I'VE DONE EVERYTHING PERFECTLY! DADDY WILL BE SO PLEASED!!


I WONDER IF I CAN PUT LEMMY UP FOR ADOPTION?
HEY, YOU!!
PIZZA
BOWSER!
MARIO!
MICE!!
WHAT A GREAT DAY! I GOT THIS SWELL GREEN SNEAKER, BOWSER GOT BLOWN UP BY HIS OWN KID--
--AND I MET A BUNCH OF SWELL MICE WHO I HOPE WILL BE MY BEST FRIENDS IN THE WHOLE BIG WIDE WORLD!
MOVE, PRISONER!! WE AIN'T BUYING IT!
CLICK
KOOPA
THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT MUST BE MARIO!
NOW, JUST A DARN MINUTE! WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO FLOOD THE UNDER-WORLD, HUH? HUH?!
HIS.

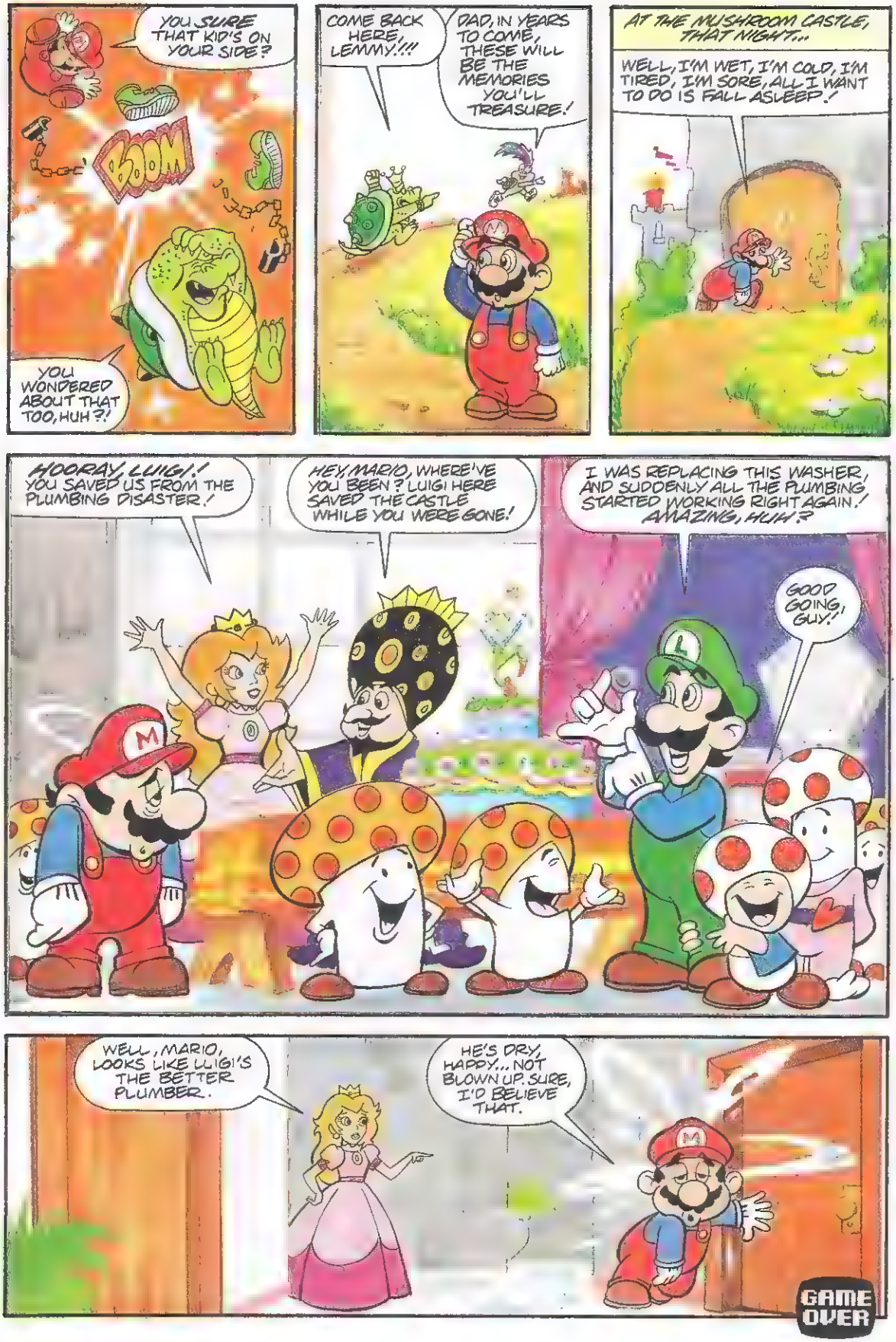

YOU WERE GOING TO FLOOD OUR CHAMBERS?!
WHY?
WELL, UM... THEN NO ONE COULD TRAVEL UNDERGROUND ANY-MORE AND UH...
LET ME GUESS. YOU WERE PLANNING ON STARTING A RICK-SHAW SERVICE?
TAXI SERVICE.
WELL, YOU WERE WAAAY OFF! THE WATER MAIN YOU WERE LOOKING FOR IS RIGHT HERE!
WATER MAIN HERE
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS PLACE THE BOMBS LIKE THIS, LIGHT THE FUSES...
UH, THOSE ARE SHORT BURNING FUSES...
SHOULD WE DUCK NOW?
I'D SAY... YES!
HERE


BOOM
BOWSER! THAT'S THE EMERGENCY BYPASS VALVE! IF YOU HELP ME TURN IT, THIS THING WILL BE SOLVED IN A SECOND!!
NAH, THAT'S TOO MUCH LIKE WORK! I'M OUTTA HERE!!
WATER MAIN
DON'T DROWN TILL I GIVE YOU THE WORD! I MAY NEED HELP FINDING AN EXIT!
BOWSER, LISTEN -- IF THE WATER REACHES A CERTAIN POINT, THE TRANSPORT TUBES SHUT DOWN!!

URK! I JUST WANT TO GET OUTTA HERE, RUN LIKE MAD, YOU KNOW?!
WE CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM THIS PROBLEM, BOWSER! WE HAVE TO SOLVE IT!
MY OL' POP USED TO SAY IN THESE SITUATIONS, "SON, WHEN YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT, THERE'S NO PROBLEM TOO BIG TO RUN AWAY FROM!"
THIS IS A BIG MISTAKE!
SLAM!!
OOOF!
IT'S A DEAD END!!
WHY ISN'T THIS WORKING?! IT'S A TRANSPORT TUBE-- IT SHOULD TAKE ME OUTTA HERE!
I TOLD YOU! ALL THE TRANSPORT TUBES SHUT DOWN AS A FAIL-SAFE WHEN THE WATER REACHES A CERTAIN LEVEL!


I AM NOW OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM ALL. NO MATTER HOW HUMBLE.
LOOK, BOWSER. I COULD HAVE SOLVED THIS IN 30 SECONDS BEFORE. NOW IT'LL TAKE A WHILE.
WE HAVE TO SAVE THE UNDERGROUND WORLD AND SAVE OURSELVES. THAT VALVE IS THE KEY.
I NEED SOMEONE TO DO THE FLUNKY WORK THE HARD STUFF.
YOU NEED HELP?! I CAN GET YOU THE BEST HELP MONEY CAN BUY!!
NO, YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO BE A PLUMBER'S HELPER.!
I DON'T HAVE TO WEAR ANY SILLY PLUMBER'S HATS, DO I?!
SECONDS LATER...
UMPPHH-- IS THIS ONE OF THOSE WARM FUZZY MOMENTS?
I'LL SHOW YA A "WARM FUZZY MOMENT" AS SOON AS I GET OUTTA HERE.!!
WE DID IT! THE VALVE IS OPEN.!!
CLICK
WHIRRR
GREAT-- IN JUST A MINUTE, WE'LL BE FREE AND I'LL CLOBBER-- AHEM, I MEAN, SHAKE YOUR HAND!

WITH THE WATER FLOW CUT OFF, THE EMERGENCY DRAINAGE SYSTEMS CAN KICK IN! HOLD ON-- THE CURRENT'S STRONG!!
IN A SEC WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE THE TRANSPORT TUBES.
DON'T TRY ANYTHING, BOWSER..!!
LITTLE OLD ME?!
SNAP!
MARSHMALLOWS! MISSED!!
YOU KNOW, I'VE RETHOUGHT MY POSITION ON THIS CHAIN STUFF. I'VE BEEN REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BEATING THE CHICKEN SOUP OUTTA YOU FOR A LOOOOONG TIME!
YEAH?! WELL, I GOT YOU HERE WITHOUT YOUR ARMY AND I'M GONNA...
DADDY, DADDY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! I FINALLY FIGURED THIS BOMB THING OUT!!
OOPS!
OH, NO...
TRIPP


YOU SURE THAT KID'S ON YOUR SIDE?
BOOM
YOU WONDERED ABOUT THAT TOO, HUH?!
COME BACK HERE, LEMMY!!!
DAD, IN YEARS TO COME, THESE WILL BE THE MEMORIES YOU'LL TREASURE!
AT THE MUSHROOM CASTLE, THAT NIGHT...
WELL, I'M WET, I'M COLD, I'M TIRED, I'M SORE, ALL I WANT TO DO IS FALL ASLEEP!
HOORAY, LUIGI! YOU SAVED US FROM THE PLUMBING DISASTER!
HEY, MARIO, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? LUIGI HERE SAVED THE CASTLE WHILE YOU WERE GONE!
I WAS REPLACING THIS WASHER, AND SUDDENLY ALL THE PLUMBING STARTED WORKING RIGHT AGAIN! AMAZING, HUH?
GOOD GOING, GUY!
WELL, MARIO, LOOKS LIKE LUIGI'S THE BETTER PLUMBER.
HE'S DRY, HAPPY... NOT BLOWN UP. SURE, I'D BELIEVE THAT.
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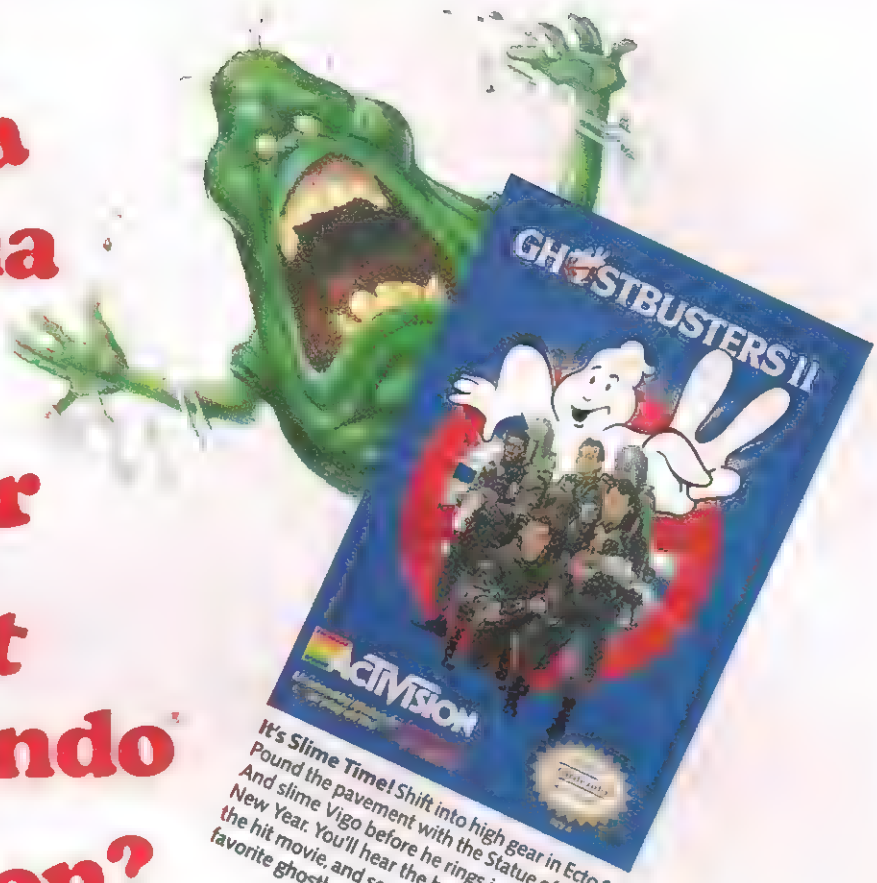

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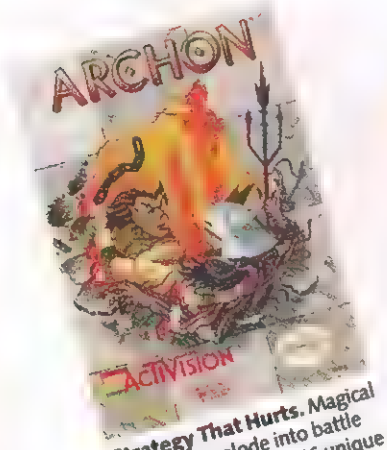

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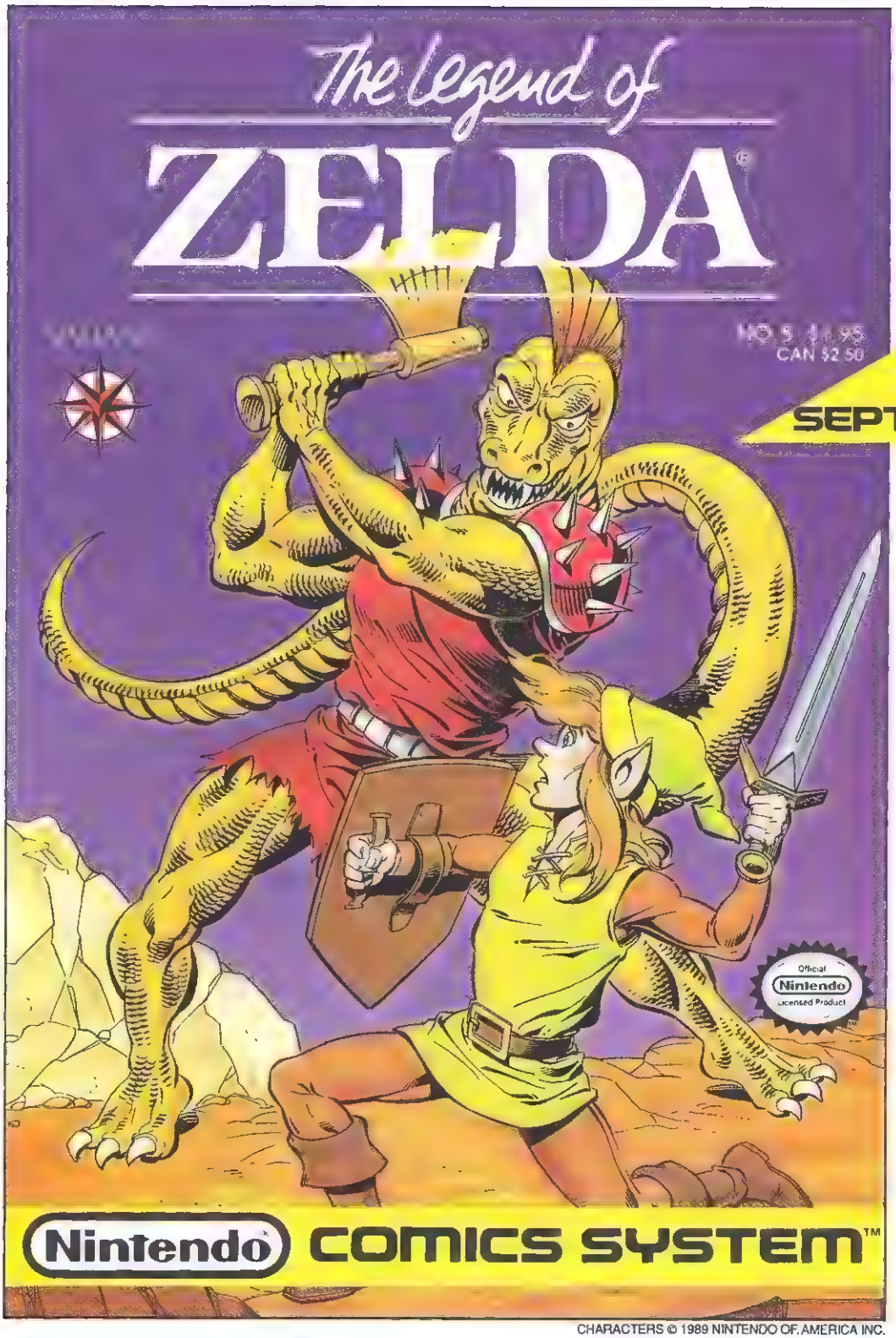

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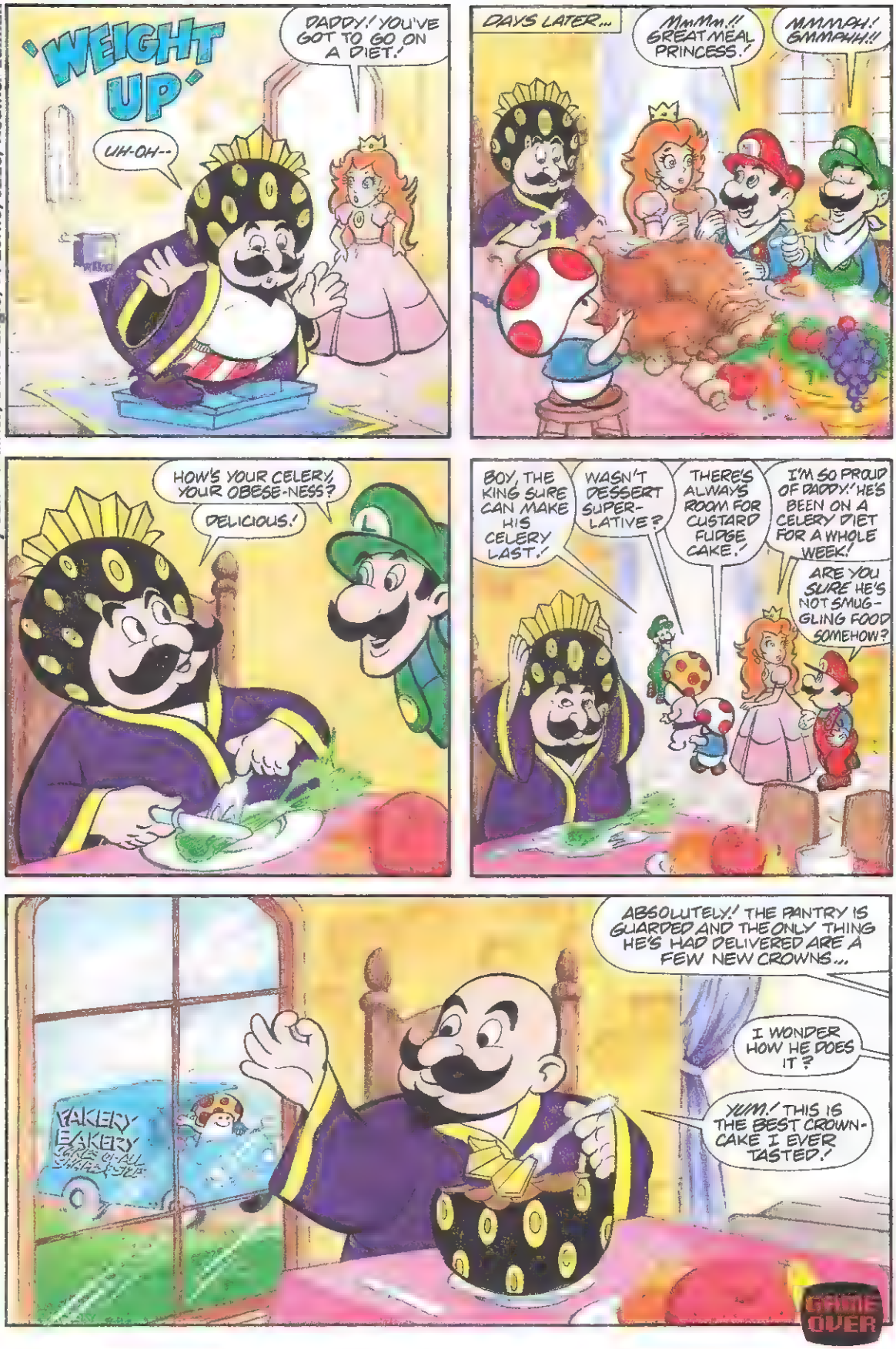
'WEIGHT UP'
DADDY! YOU'VE GOT TO GO ON A DIET!
UH-OH--
DAYS LATER...
MmMm.!! GREAT MEAL PRINCESS!
MMMM-H! GMMPHH!!
HOW'S YOUR CELERY, YOUR OBESE-NESS?
DELICIOUS!
BOY, THE KING SURE CAN MAKE HIS CELERY LAST.
WASN'T DESSERT SUPER-LATIVE?
THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR CUSTARD FUDGE CAKE.
I'M SO PROUD OF DADDY! HE'S BEEN ON A CELERY DIET FOR A WHOLE WEEK!
ARE YOU SURE HE'S NOT SMUGGLING FOOD SOMEHOW?
ABSOLUTELY! THE PANTRY IS GUARDED AND THE ONLY THING HE'S HAD DELIVERED ARE A FEW NEW CROWNS...
I WONDER HOW HE DOES IT?
YUM.! THIS IS THE BEST CROWN-CAKE I EVER TASTED!
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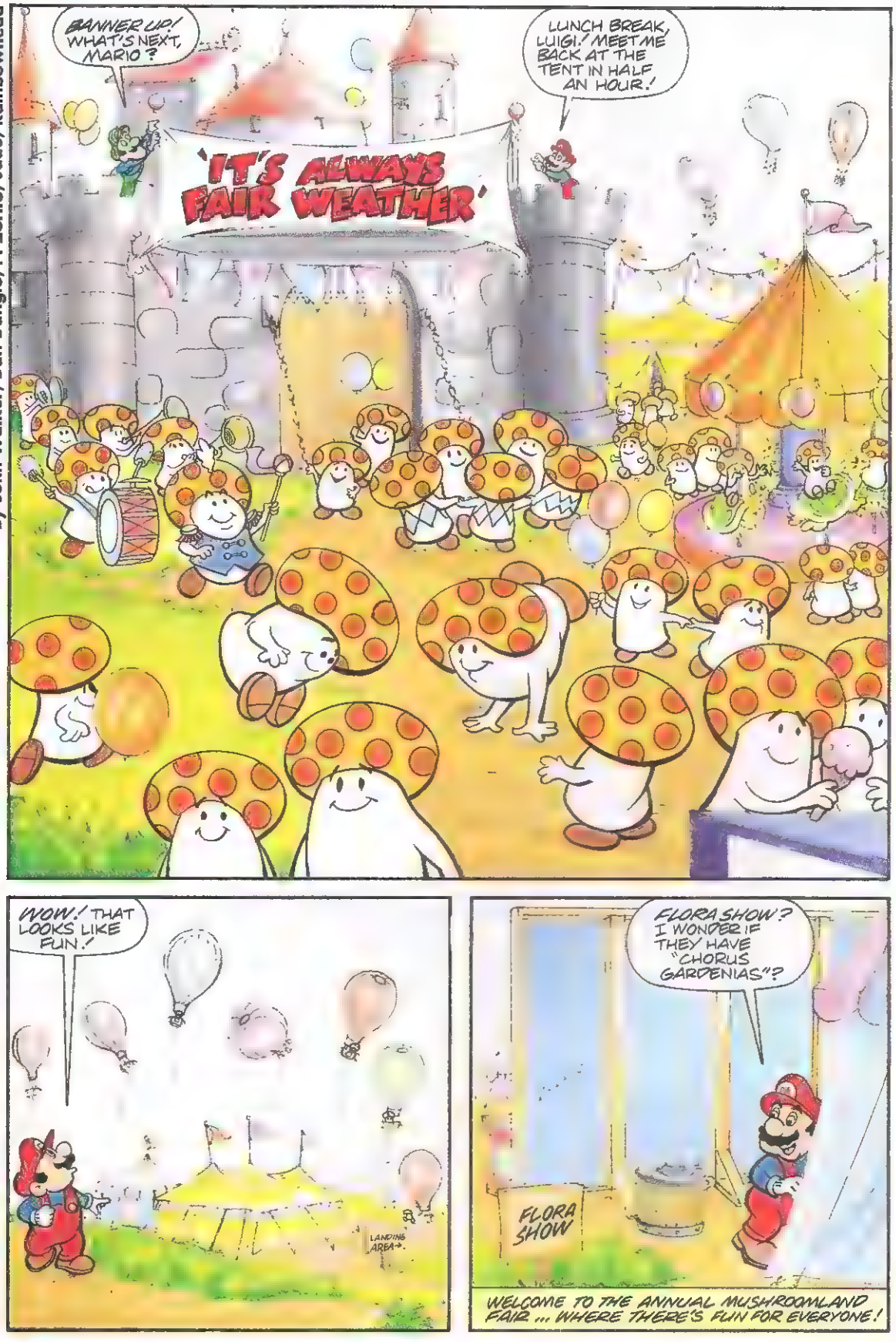
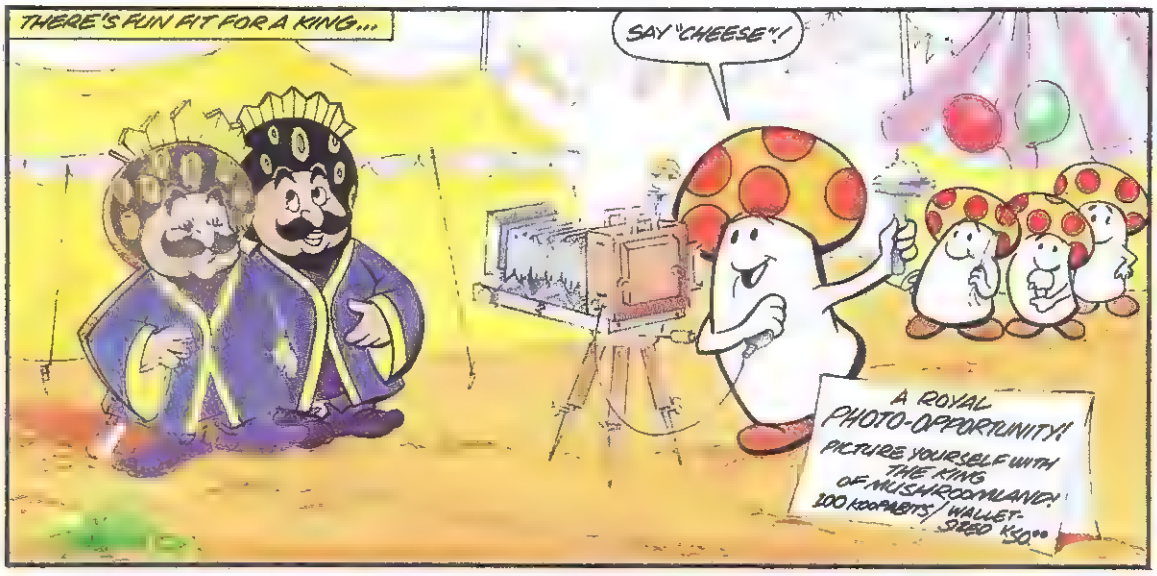

BANNER UP! WHAT'S NEXT, MARIO?
LUNCH BREAK, LUIGI! MEET ME BACK AT THE TENT IN HALF AN HOUR!
'IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER'
WOW! THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN!
LANDING AREA
FLORA SHOW? I WONDER IF THEY HAVE "CHORUS GARDENIAS"?
FLORA SHOW
WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL MUSHROOMLAND FAIR ... WHERE THERE'S FUN FOR EVERYONE!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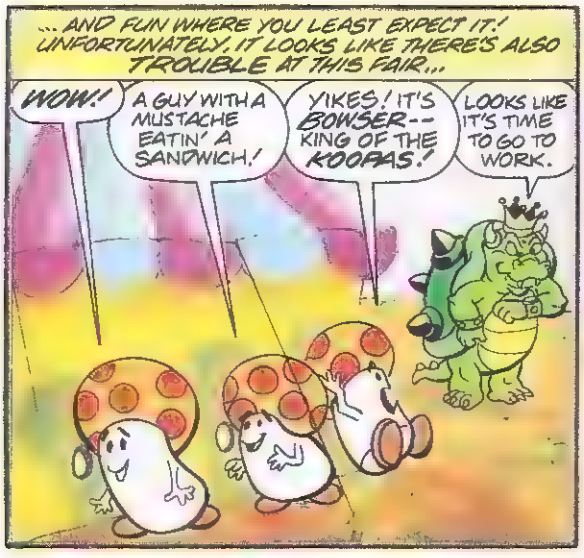
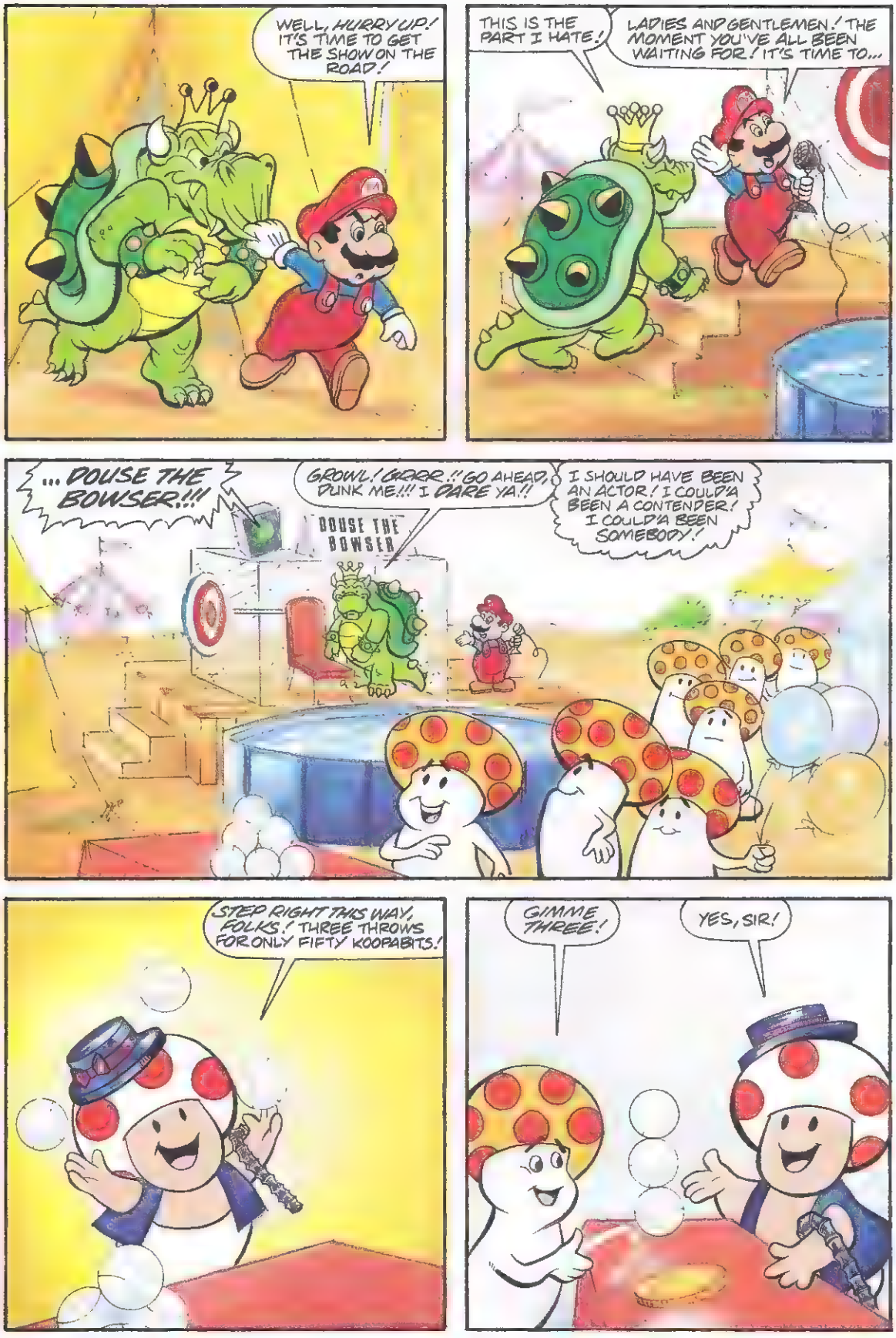
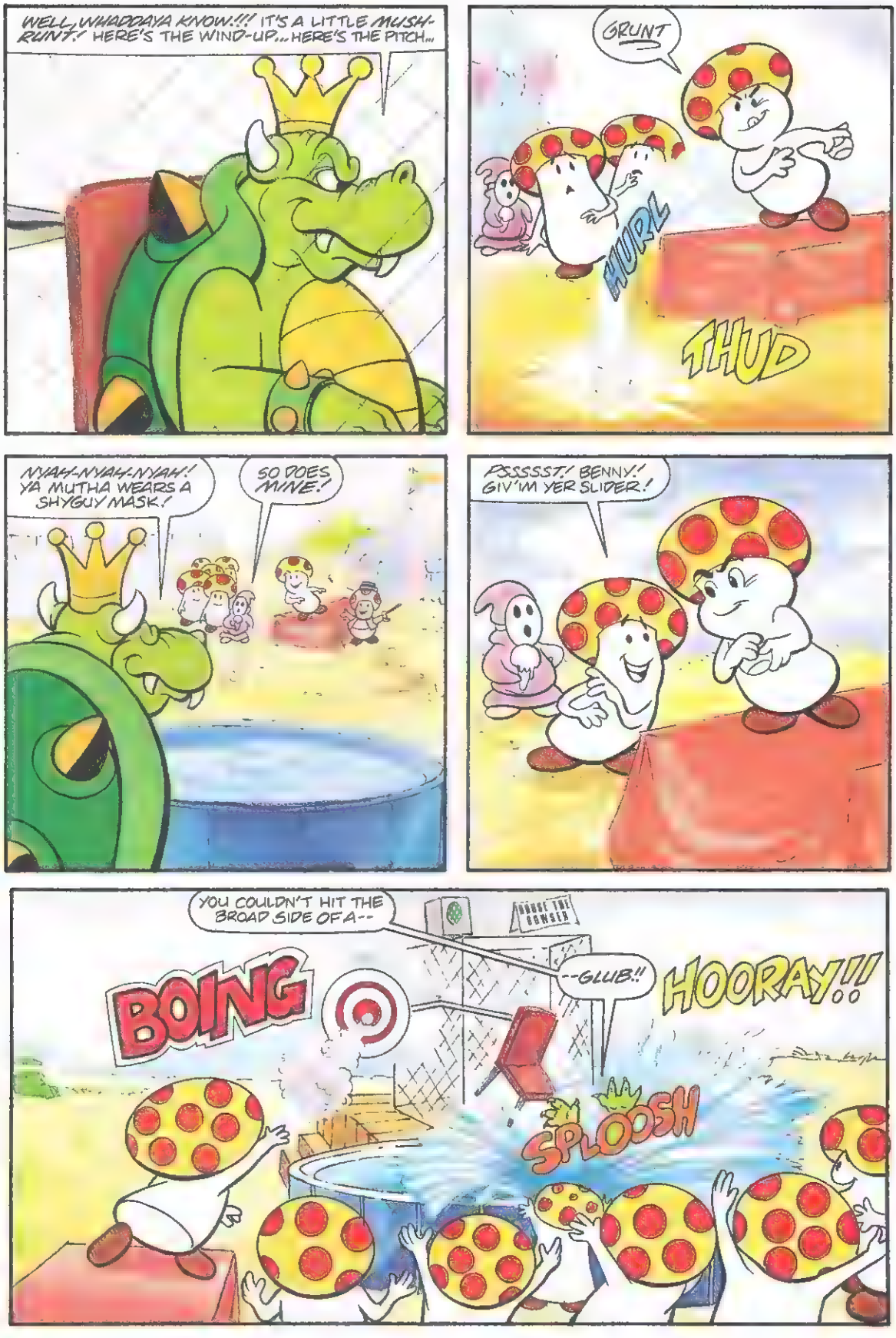

... AND FUN WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT! UNFORTUNATELY, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ALSO TROUBLE AT THIS FAIR...
WOW!
A GUY WITH A MUSTACHE EATIN' A SANDWICH!
YIKES! IT'S BOWSER-- KING OF THE KOOPAS!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO GO TO WORK.

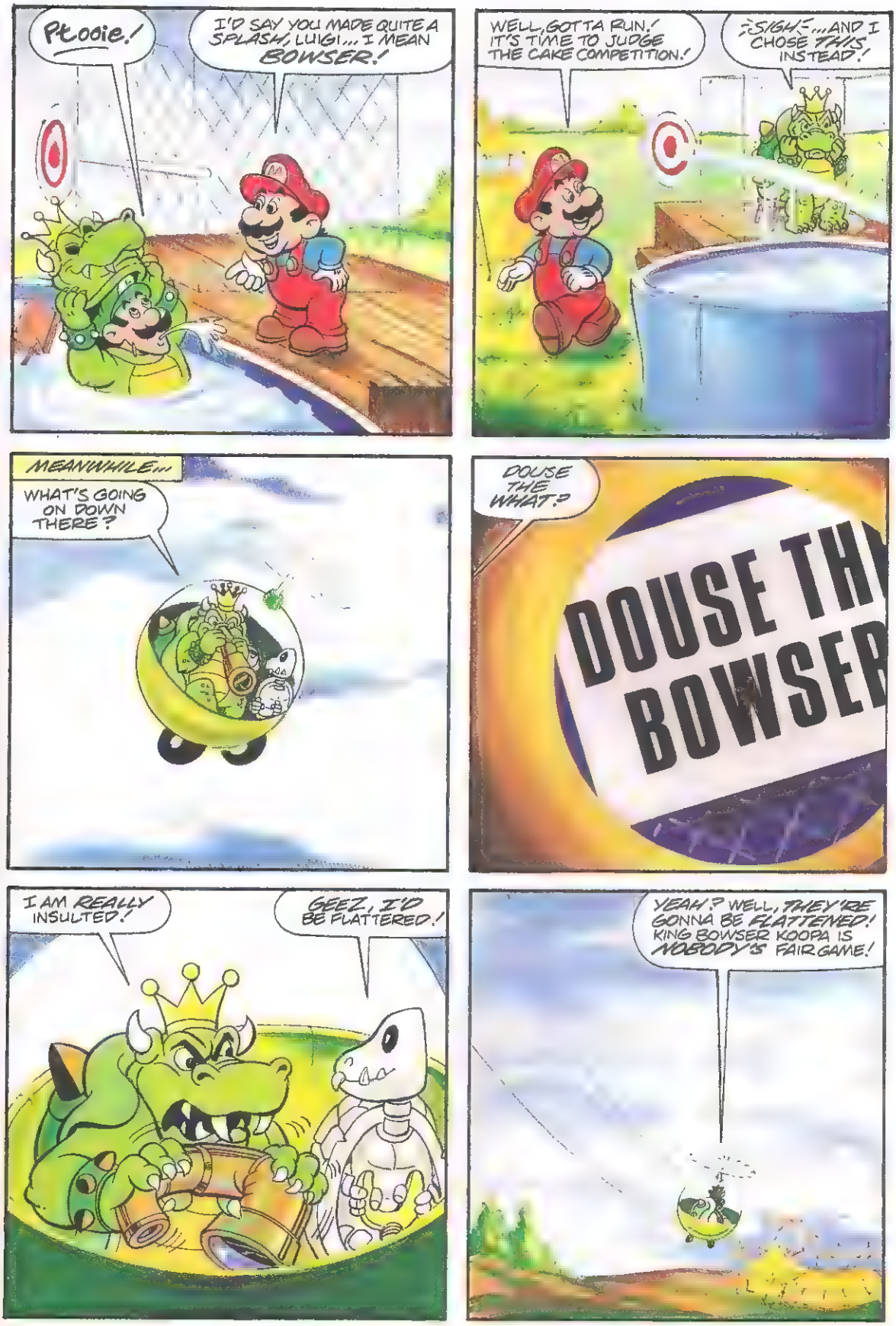
GREETINGS, YOU WRETCHED WRENCH-MONKEY!
WHAT THE--!!

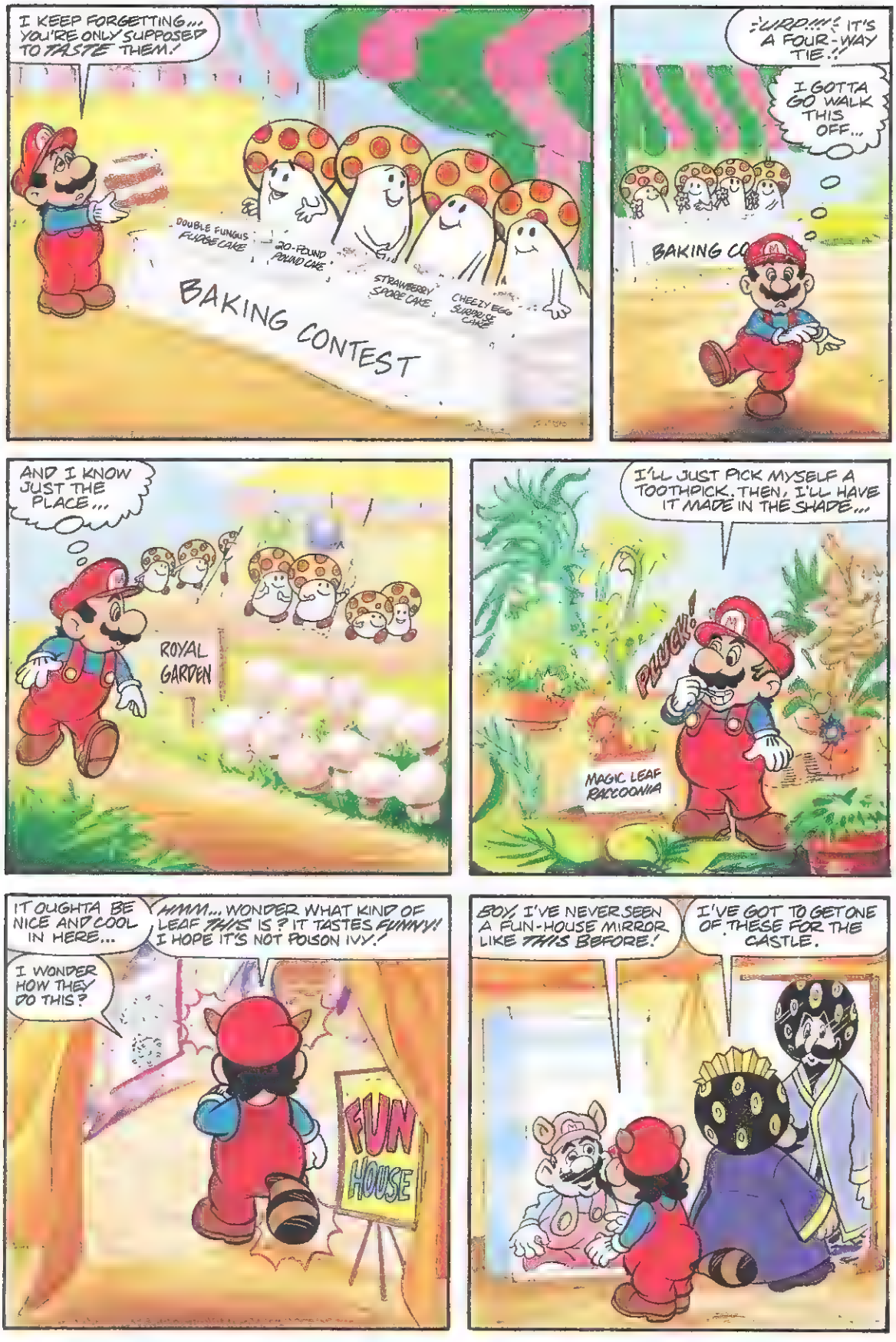
YOU'RE TEN MINUTES LATE!

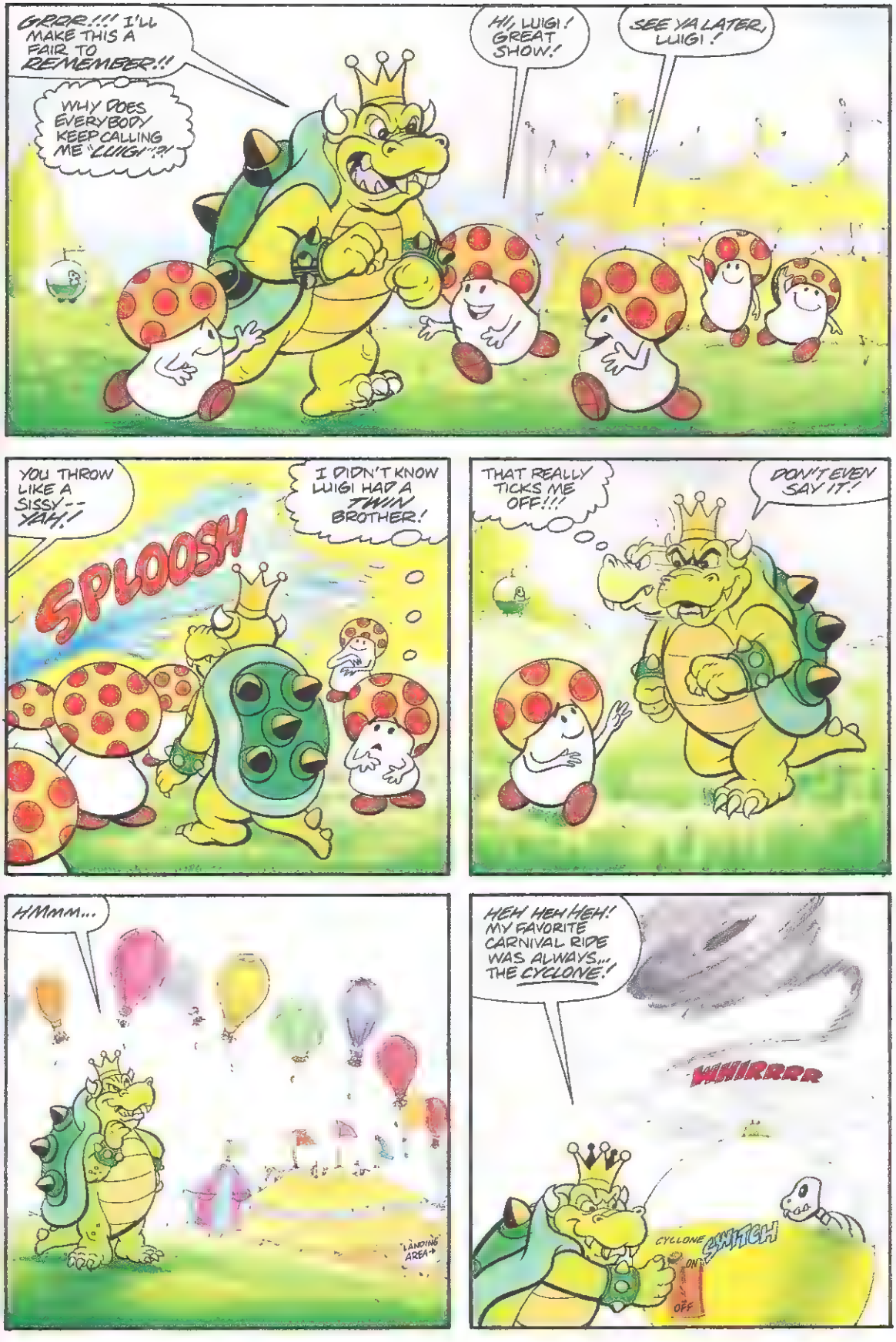
SORRY, MARIO! I HAD A HECK OF A TIME PINNING ON MY TAIL!


WELL, HURRY UP! IT'S TIME TO GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD!
THIS IS THE PART I HATE!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! IT'S TIME TO...
... DOUSE THE BOWSER!!!
GROWL! GRRRR..!! GO AHEAD, DUNK ME!!! I DARE YA!!
DOUSE THE BOWSER
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ACTOR! I COULD'A BEEN A CONTENDER! I COULD'A BEEN SOMEBODY!
STEP RIGHT THIS WAY, FOLKS! THREE THROWS FOR ONLY FIFTY KOOPABITS!
GIMME THREE!
YES, SIR!


WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW!!! IT'S A LITTLE MUSH-RUNT! HERE'S THE WIND-UP... HERE'S THE PITCH...
GRUNT
HURL
THUD
NYAH-NYAH-NYAH! YA MUTHA WEARS A SHYGUY MASK!
SO DOES MINE!
PSSSSST! BENNY! GIV'IM YER SLIDER!
YOU COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A--
--GLUB!!
BOING
HOORAY!!
SPLOOSH

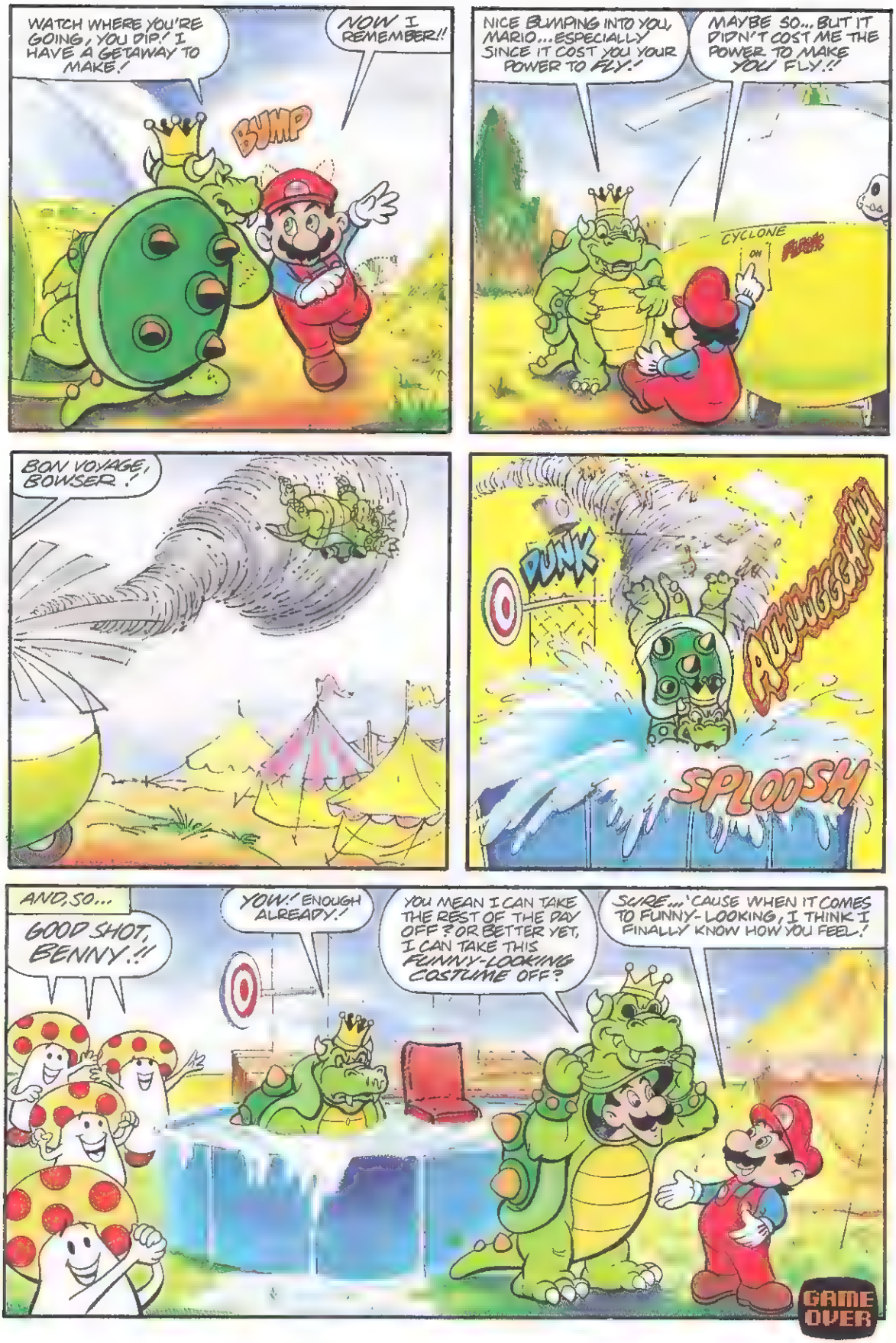

Ptooie!
I'D SAY YOU MADE QUITE A SPLASH, LUIGI... I MEAN BOWSER!
WELL, GOTTA RUN! IT'S TIME TO JUDGE THE CAKE COMPETITION!
;SIGH;...AND I CHOSE THIS INSTEAD!
MEANWHILE...
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
DOUSE THE WHAT?
DOUSE TH
BOWSER
I AM REALLY INSULTED!
GEEZ, I'D BE FLATTERED!
YEAH? WELL, THEY'RE GONNA BE FLATTENED! KING BOWSER KOOPA IS NOBODY'S FAIR GAME!

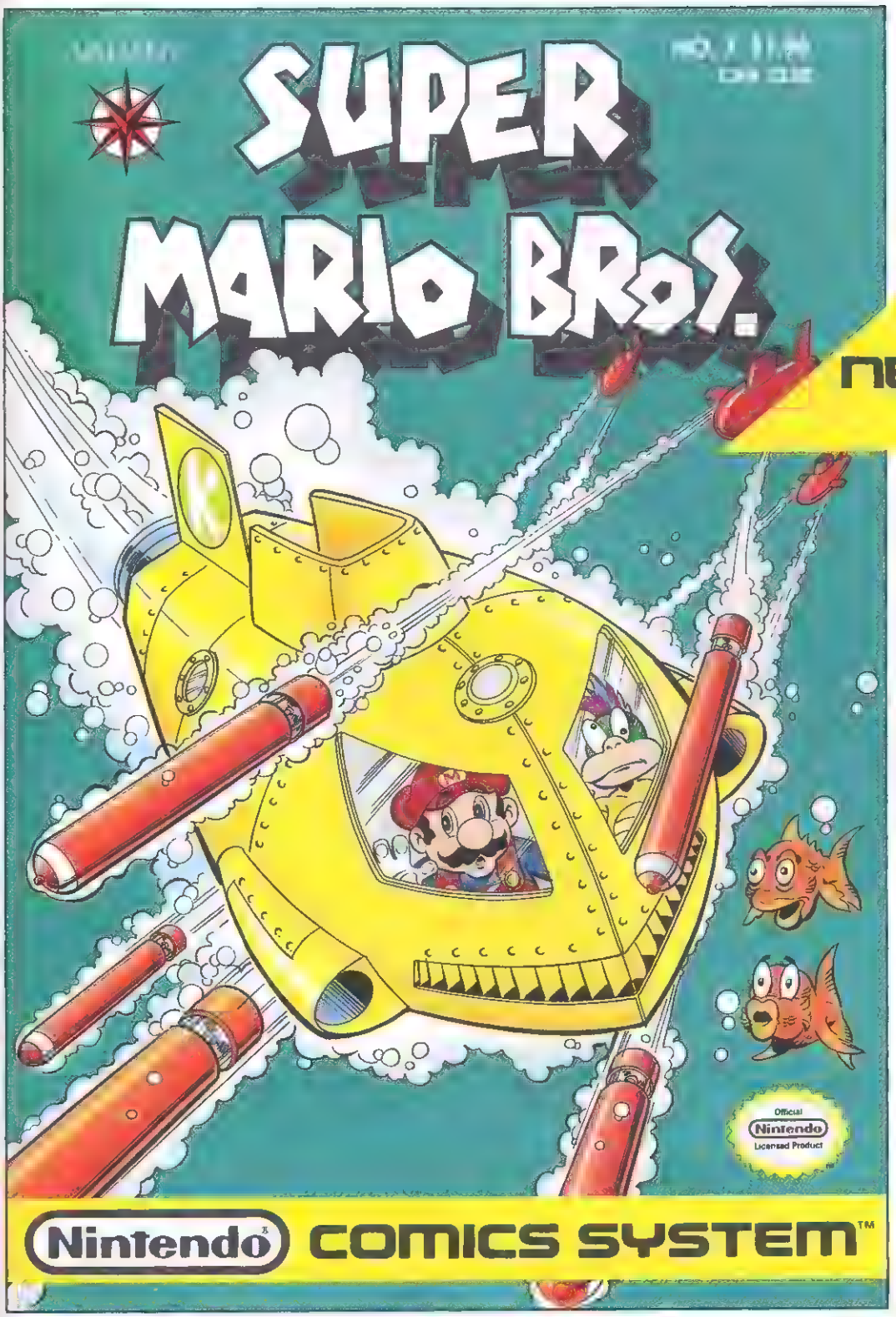

I KEEP FORGETTING... YOU'RE ONLY SUPPOSED TO TASTE THEM!
DOUBLE FUNGUS FUDGE CAKE
20-POUND POUND CAKE
STRAWBERRY SPONGE CAKE
CHEEZY EGG SURPRISE CAKE
BAKING CONTEST
:URP!!!: IT'S A FOUR-WAY TIE!!
I GOTTA GO WALK THIS OFF...
BAKING CO
AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE...
ROYAL GARDEN
I'LL JUST PICK MYSELF A TOOTHPICK. THEN, I'LL HAVE IT MADE IN THE SHADE...
PLUCK!
MAGIC LEAF RACCOONIA
IT OUGHTA BE NICE AND COOL IN HERE...
HMMM... WONDER WHAT KIND OF LEAF THIS IS? IT TASTES FUNNY! I HOPE IT'S NOT POISON IVY!
I WONDER HOW THEY DO THIS?
FUN HOUSE
BOY, I'VE NEVER SEEN A FUN-HOUSE MIRROR LIKE THIS BEFORE!
I'VE GOT TO GET ONE OF THESE FOR THE CASTLE.


GRRR!!! I'LL MAKE THIS A FAIR TO REMEMBER!!
WHY DOES EVERYBODY KEEP CALLING ME "LUIGI"?!
HI, LUIGI! GREAT SHOW!
SEE YA LATER, LUIGI!
YOU THROW LIKE A SISSY-- YAH!
SPLOOSH
I DIDN'T KNOW LUIGI HAD A TWIN BROTHER!
THAT REALLY TICKS ME OFF!!!
DON'T EVEN SAY IT!
HMMM...
LANDING AREA
HEH HEH HEH! MY FAVORITE CARNIVAL RIDE WAS ALWAYS... THE CYCLONE!
WHIRRRR
CYCLONE
ON
OFF
SWITCH

THIS IS GONNA BE EXCELLENT.!!
MAMA.!!
WAH!!
MY BABY!!!
OH, MY.!
WHAT'S THAT.?.!!
WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN LONG UNDERWEAR BEFORE?
NOT THAT... THAT.!!!
FLORA SHOW
SEE YA IN ORBIT, KIDDIES.!!!
CYCLONE ON OFF

MARIO! DO SOMETHING!!
FUNNY! MARIO'S WEARING A TAIL! THIS MUST BE A FORMAL A-FAIR!
I AM DOING SOMETHING!
AMAZING! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD FLY!
IT IS AMAZING AFTER EATING ALL THAT CAKE! GUESS IT'S A MATTER OF PROPER EQUIPMENT!
NEVER FEAR... MARIO'S HERE!!!
WOW! WHAT BIG POINTY EARS YOU HAVE, MARIO! AND I LOVE THE MATCHING TAIL!
HOORAY FOR MARIO!
ALL IN A DAY'S WORK...
BUT THE JOB ISN'T FINISHED TILL I TAKE CARE OF THAT INCORRIGIBLE KOOPA!
MY HERO!... SMACK!
WHAT'S THAT PUDGY PLUMBER UP TO NOW?
WOWEE, WHAT A KISS! I FEEL LIKE I'M WALKING ON AIR!
GEE, I HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO... BUT NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS...


WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU DIP! I HAVE A GETAWAY TO MAKE!
NOW I REMEMBER!!
BUMP
NICE BUMPING INTO YOU, MARIO... ESPECIALLY SINCE IT COST YOU YOUR POWER TO FLY!
MAYBE SO... BUT IT DIDN'T COST ME THE POWER TO MAKE YOU FLY!!
CYCLONE
ON
FLUSH
BON VOYAGE, BOWSER!
PUNK
AUUUGGHH
SPLOOSH
AND, SO...
GOOD SHOT, BENNY!!
YOW! ENOUGH ALREADY!
YOU MEAN I CAN TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF? OR BETTER YET, I CAN TAKE THIS FUNNY-LOOKING COSTUME OFF?
SURE... 'CAUSE WHEN IT COMES TO FUNNY-LOOKING, I THINK I FINALLY KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!
GAME OVER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Dear Mario Staff :

I just purchased Super Mario Bros. #2, and it was great! I can't wait to get #3. The art, stories, and paper (especially the cover) make them great comics.

I have one question, though. In S.M.B. #1, it said that #2 would be on sale in May, but I couldn't find it until July. Why was there such a long wait?

Jamin Prosseda
Milton, PA

Sorry about that, Jamin. Unfortunately, not all stores put out their stock at the same time. You have two choices: (1) ask for Super Mario Bros. every time you enter any toy or comics store, or (2) get a subscription!

Dear Mario and Luigi,

I am a fan of you guys, and I wonder... Can I be a Mario Brother?

Carmen Abramo
Burlington, NJ

Depends. How do you look in a moustache, Carmen?

Dear Mario,

I do not think it is right for you to become more popular than Mickey Mouse. It said in the newspaper that Super Mario is better-liked than Mickey Mouse. But Mickey was here before Mario. I want Mickey to be in Nintendo. I want you to know that I like Mickey Mouse more than Mario. And I want you to always, always, always remember that Mickey was here before Mario!!!!!

Thank you,

Shanna Gaunt
Fort Smith, AR

P.S. Remember, Mickey was here before Mario!!!

Dear Mario,

I don't want you to overtake Mickey! I kind of like you. But I like Mickey a little more. Make that a lot more! Mario 1 is weird. And 2 is okay. You just think you're cool!!!! But you're not! Ha!

Rachel
Fort Smith, AR

Gulp! Don't you think that maybe, just maybe, there might be room for Mario and ol' cheese-breath both*??*

Dear Mario Dudes,

The Super Mario Bros. comic book is by far the best! I conquered Super Mario Bros. 2 and 3 in exactly one week. I think the Mario Bros. are cool. My hobbies are drawing, running and reading the Mario Bros. comics!

Here are two tips for Super Mario 3:

• On level 8, when you get to Koopa's battleship, you can swim under the ship if you're careful.
• Once you've beaten the game, play again. When you get the first warp whistle, you'll see that you have 28 P-wings! (27 come with the warp whistle.)

Jose Becerra II
Schaumburg, IL

Thanks for the hints. Anybody else out there have tips to share?

Dear Voyager Communications Inc.,

I disagree with Eddie LaBelle and Brent Dutcher. I'm a big fan of the Mario Bros. and I think that the best comic is the Super Mario Bros.

Joshua Rose
Metairie, LA

We aim to please, Joshua! In fact, Eddie and Brent (famous correspondents from a previous letter column) couldn't get too upset with us, simply because we already do publish a comic about their favorite character: Captain N: The Game Master.

We bet they'd love Super Mario Bros., if they gave it a chance. But, when-oh-when do you think Eddie and Brent will see it that way?

Dear Mario Bros.:

I like your Mario comic, but I think you should bring back "Dear Princess Toadstool." I liked it a lot. I also think you should put Mario in some of the animal suits he has, and turn the king into different animals.

Other than that, it's fine.

Vivian Teague
Seattle, WA

More "Dear Princess" pages are on the way, Vivian. (In fact, we've got one planned for next issue.)

As for special suits, take a look at this very magazine—it's none other than Raccoon Mario! Watch for Tanooki Mario, too, coming soon.

Dear Mario and Luigi,

My highest score during one game is 1,254,350. I have saved the princess *eight* times!

I like your Nintendo comics. But I wish you had pages of letters that people send to you in all your comics--Game Boy, The Legend of Zelda, and Captain N.

Jason Springs
Coulterville, IL

Take another look at those comics, Jason. Or, better yet, write them each a letter. You have a surprise in store...

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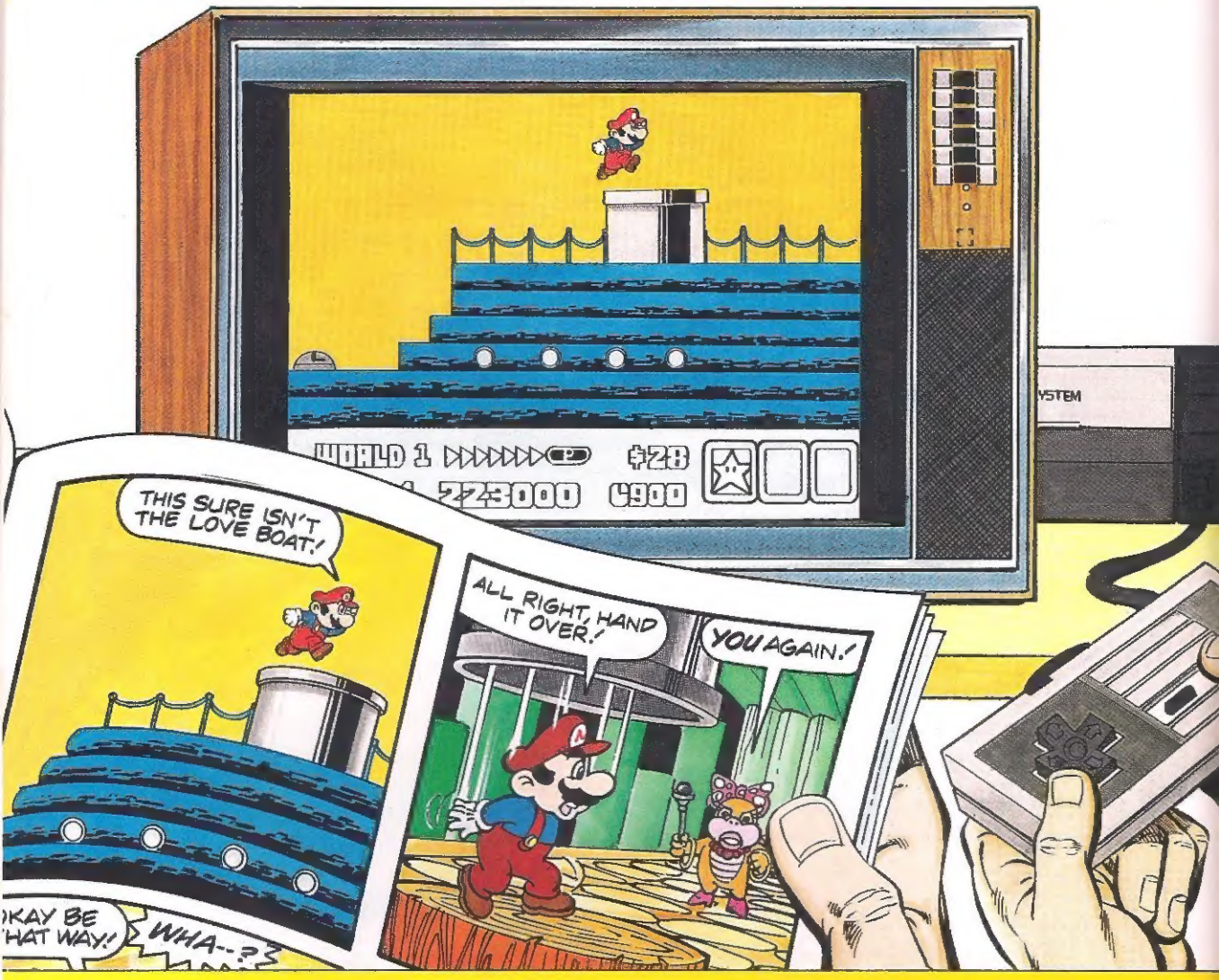

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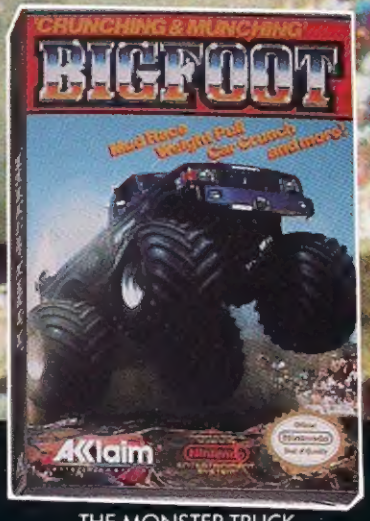

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